



October 18th, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

World Food Sunday

Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.

This symbol ** indicates we will stand if able

Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth

This service is being livestreamed on YouTube

WE GATHER

Shalom: Let us extend “shalom” – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(adapted from Gathering-Pentecost 2-2026. By Whitney Bruno, pg. 30. Used with permission.)

One: We were made in God’s love. Jesus came to teach us God’s love.
The Spirit of God abides with us, fueling our love.

All: **In love, we light this candle recalling how we all begin in love, live in love, and continue in love – for God is love.**

****Hymn:** “Now Thank We All Our God” **VU 236**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

(adapted from Prayers For all Seasons-Year A, Ed: Ellen Turnbull, pg. 201. Used with permission)

One: Let us pray: All living things imitate God. As flowers bloom, as trees bear fruit, as dancers leap high in the air,

All: **they imitate your creativity, O God.**

One: As we struggle for justice, as we resolve conflict through peace, as we extend our hand to our neighbour,

All: **We imitate your love, O God.**

One: As we teach and nurture our children, as we pray for our world,

All: **We imitate your love, O God.**

One: So we give thanks to you, O God, for your goodness which is in our hearts and minds, in our strength and soul, in our life and love.

All: **Praise be to you, O God. Amen.**

****Hymn:** "It Only Takes A Spark" **VU 289**

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, read by Pat Long

Music Ministry: "How I love Jesus" by Arr. J. Gallina

Sermon:

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

We offer our prayers to the one God, Mother of us all,
as we join in the prayer of Jesus:

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Loving God, we give these gifts with thankful hearts.
Use them to share your love, your mercy, and your hope with the
world.**

****Hymn: "Deep in Our Hearts" MV 154 v. 1-3**

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning** (Adapted from Prayers for all Seasons-Year A. edited by
Ellen Turnbull, pg.202 & 203. Used with permission.)

One: Go boldly into the world. Go seek out new ways to be God's holy
 ones. God into the world with God's good news. You are the
 message.

All: We are the message.

One: Do the message.

All: We will live the message.

One: Go with the grace of God to sustain you, with the example of
 Jesus to guide you and with the Holy Spirit to encourage you,
 today, tomorrow and in all the days ahead. Amen.

**** Closing Hymn: "Deep in Our Hearts" VU 581 v.4**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faith Events

October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

October 24: Wartime Radio Show

November 1: Pumpkin Parade

November 7: Faith Christmas Bazaar

November 12: Shopping Bus Tour

December 6: Faith Christmas Concert

January 3: Faith Hockey Fundraiser

November Bus Trip – Thursday November 12th

Enjoy a trip to the country: visit Empire Cheese, Stedman's, Trent Hill Mercantile & Hardware, Dooher's Bakery, & Taste of Country. 8am – 6pm; \$100.

M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

TODAY!: Our annual Soup & Sandwich fundraiser is today after service; all proceeds benefit Mission & Service.

Christmas Concert

Save the date! Join us on Sunday December 6th at 2pm for our Faith Christmas Concert featuring the Faith United Choir and friends. Once again this event will be a benefit for Lifewater Canada.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Cambridge Street United Church – Lindsay, ON

Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree is going up next month! IDEA: shop for items at our bazaar if you do not knit. Items collected on the Mitten Tree are given to children at our local schools.

Faith United Church Hockey Night Fundraiser

Save the date! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday January 3rd, 2027, as we watch the Oshawa Generals vs the Barrie Colts. The puck drops at 2:05pm! Tickets will be sold by Elleena Keating today after church in the atrium.

Faith Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar is three weeks away!

Please note the following deadlines:

Donations of jewelry and Christmas décor: last day to drop off at the church is Thursday October 22nd;

Items for the baking and preserves table: please drop these off at the church on Friday November 6th, no earlier. Thank you.

Wartime Radio Show – Saturday October 24th

This is a fundraiser for our church!

Tickets are available in the office for either the 2pm or the 7pm show on October 24th. Tickets are \$25 if bought in advance or \$30 if bought at the door. Thank you to the many volunteers who are working hard to put this show on!

Pumpkin Parade – November 1st

Wondering what to do with your jack-o-lanterns after Halloween? Bring them to Faith United Church for a Pumpkin Parade! November 1st, drop off your jack-o-lanterns from 9am-3pm. From 6:30-8:30pm walk the Faith trails by the light of the pumpkins! This year we are also accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Back Door Mission.

Family Fun Night – October 30th

Wear your Halloween costumes!

As an act of respect and reconciliation we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the (Ah-nish-nah-bay) Anishinaabe, the (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Other washrooms are available in the Sun Room.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore, we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.

This Week at Faith United

Monday October 19	NTW: Book Study (LR): 1pm Sparks (S): 6pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6.30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> (LR): 6.30pm
Tuesday October 20	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9.30am TOTS (LR): 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday October 21	UCW Meeting (SR): 1pm
Thursday October 22	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am Wartime Radio Show: set-up (S): 5pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday October 23	Wartime Radio Show: rehearsal (S): 5pm
Saturday October 24	Wartime Radio Show (S): 2pm matinee Wartime Radio Show (S): 7pm evening show
Sunday October 25	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Private Rental (S) – 7pm

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